



# READING THROUGH THE GOSPEL

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**NAME:**

# The Book of Matthew

## Message and Purpose:

When the king is enthroned in human heart, then the kingdom of God has come. Message Matthew was a tax collector, which means he was unpopular. He left everything to follow Jesus after he concluded that Jesus was the Messiah. Matthew was authorized to write the Gospel that bears his name, and its subject is very simple: it's about the King and his kingdom. Matthew was introducing, especially to Jews, the message that God had sent his King, his Messiah, who would rule as his Regent on earth by offering the kingdom to his people. In this sense Matthew is the culmination of all the Old Testament's anticipation of the Messiah who was to come. The apostle's concern was giving convincing proof that Jesus was the messianic King whom the Jews were anticipating and whom the world needs so desperately. That's why he began with Jesus's genealogy to establish his lineage through David. Matthew also presented Jesus's kingdom discourses, teaching, and miracles as proof of his messianic claim. The book leads to a disquieting moment, the crucifixion. If Jesus is the Messiah, how could he be put to death? Thankfully, the scene is followed by the resurrection and the announcement that the King is alive and coming back, and that his kingdom is in this world today. Jesus's Great Commission at the end of Matthew's Gospel (28:18-20) means that the book of Matthew is relevant for us as believers today.

## Summary:

1. The coming of the king - 1:1-4:16
2. The ministry of the king, preaching the kingdom of God - 4:17 - 16:20
3. The tells about His coming death, coming church and second coming - 16:21 - 28:20

# Week 1 (Day 1-7)

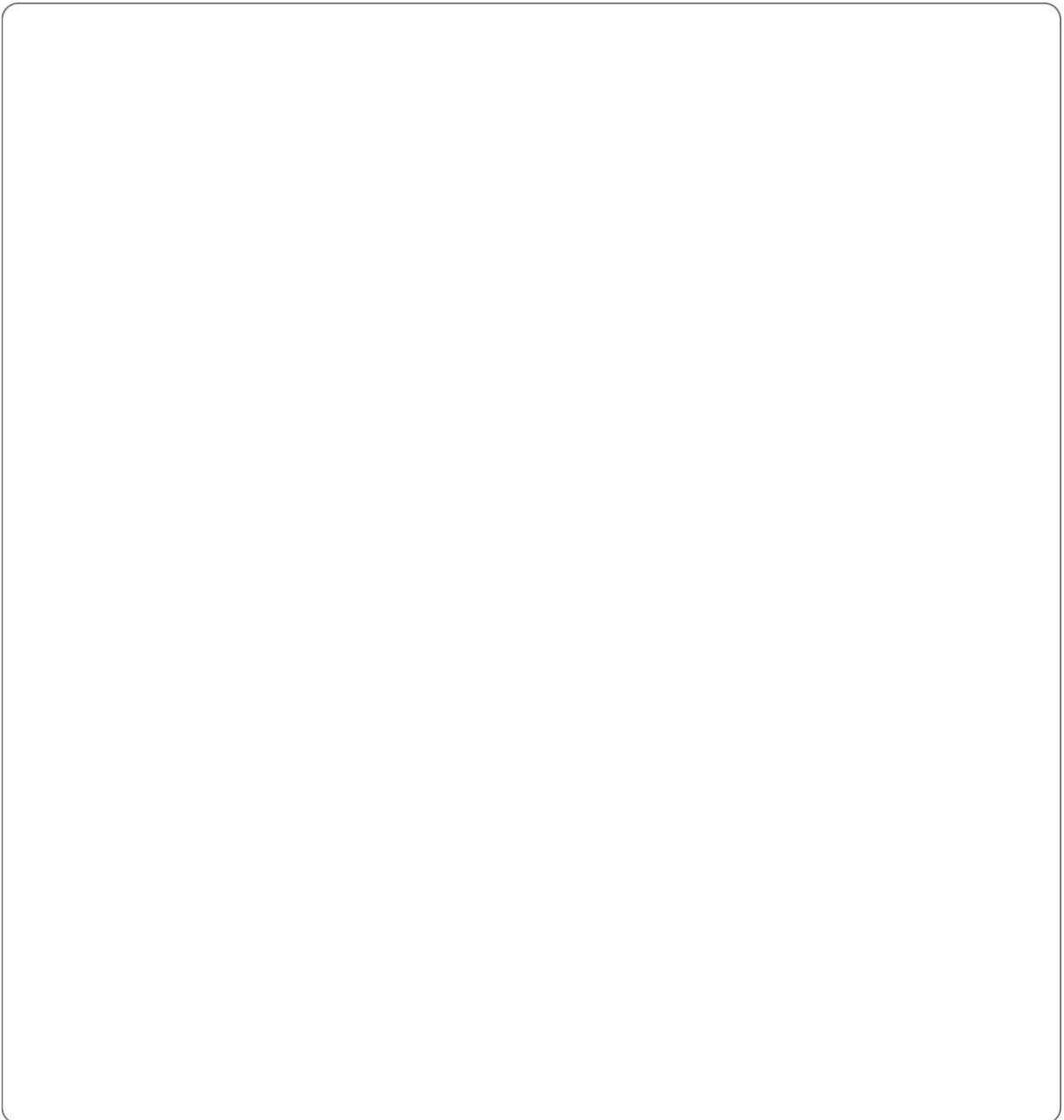
## Highlights of your reading

Matthew 1-3, Matthew 4-6, Matthew 7-9, Matthew 10-12,  
Matthew 13-15, Matthew 16-18, Matthew 19-21

# Week 1 (Day 1-7)

## Deep Dive with the Holy Spirit

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# The Book of Mark

## Message and Purpose

The book of Mark is written to disciples. It blends the two main topics of leadership and service. Mark unfolds what it means to serve as a kingdom leader and to lead as a servant, because both of these elements are included in what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ.

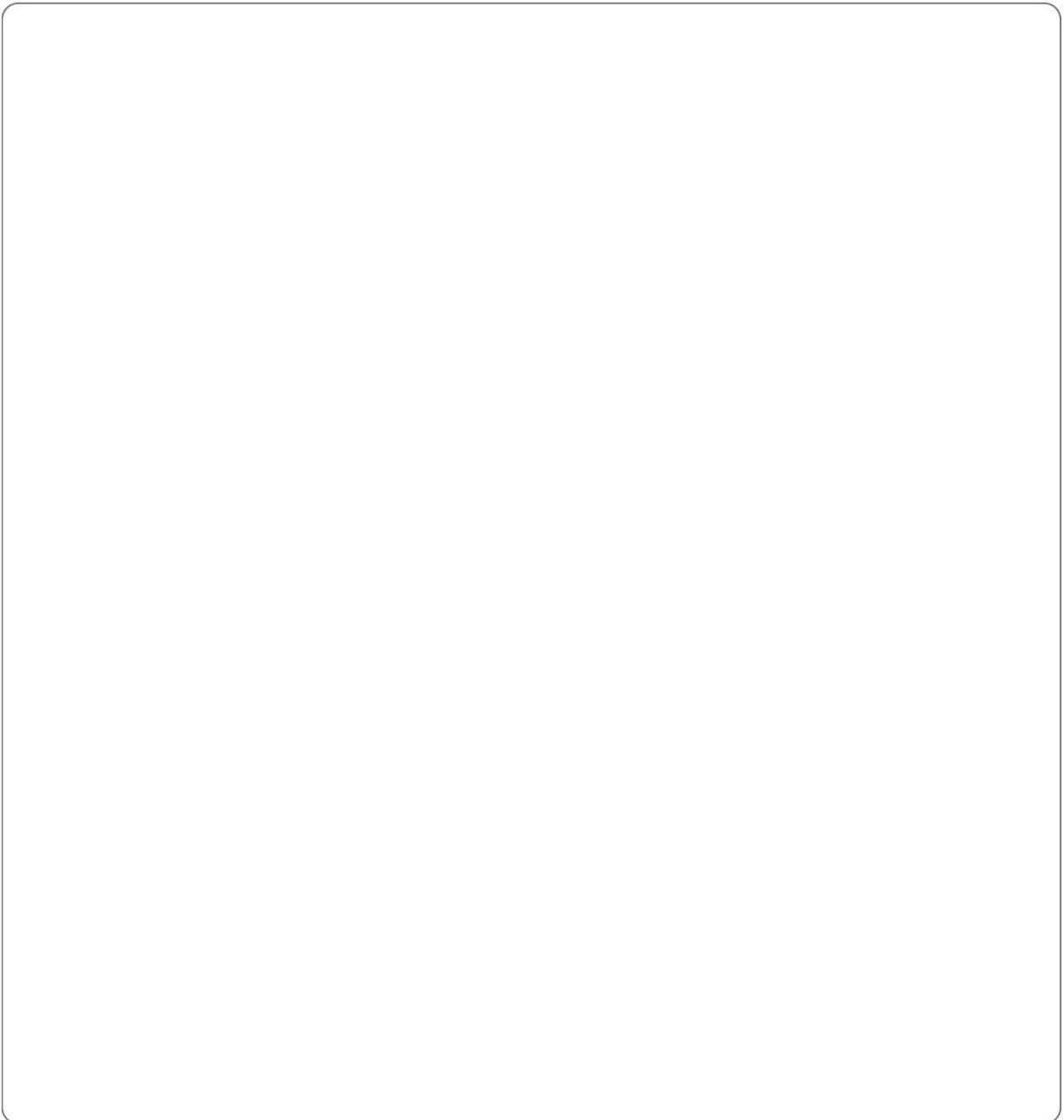
Discipleship, in fact, is that process whereby we progressively learn what it means to bring every area of life under his lordship. The Gospel of Mark takes us on a pilgrimage as Jesus teaches his first disciples who he is, what he is about, and what it means to follow him. The disciples had much to learn: they actually argued about which of them would be the greatest in the kingdom. Jesus had to turn their thinking upside down, so he showed them that leadership comes through service. He demonstrated this himself, for indeed he had come “to serve” (10:45). He is called both Son of God and Son of Man because Jesus is both divine and human. He serves the purposes of God, yet he does so by meeting the needs of people.

Our challenge in studying Mark is to learn from Jesus’s example how to lead and how to serve.

# Week 2 (Day 8-14)

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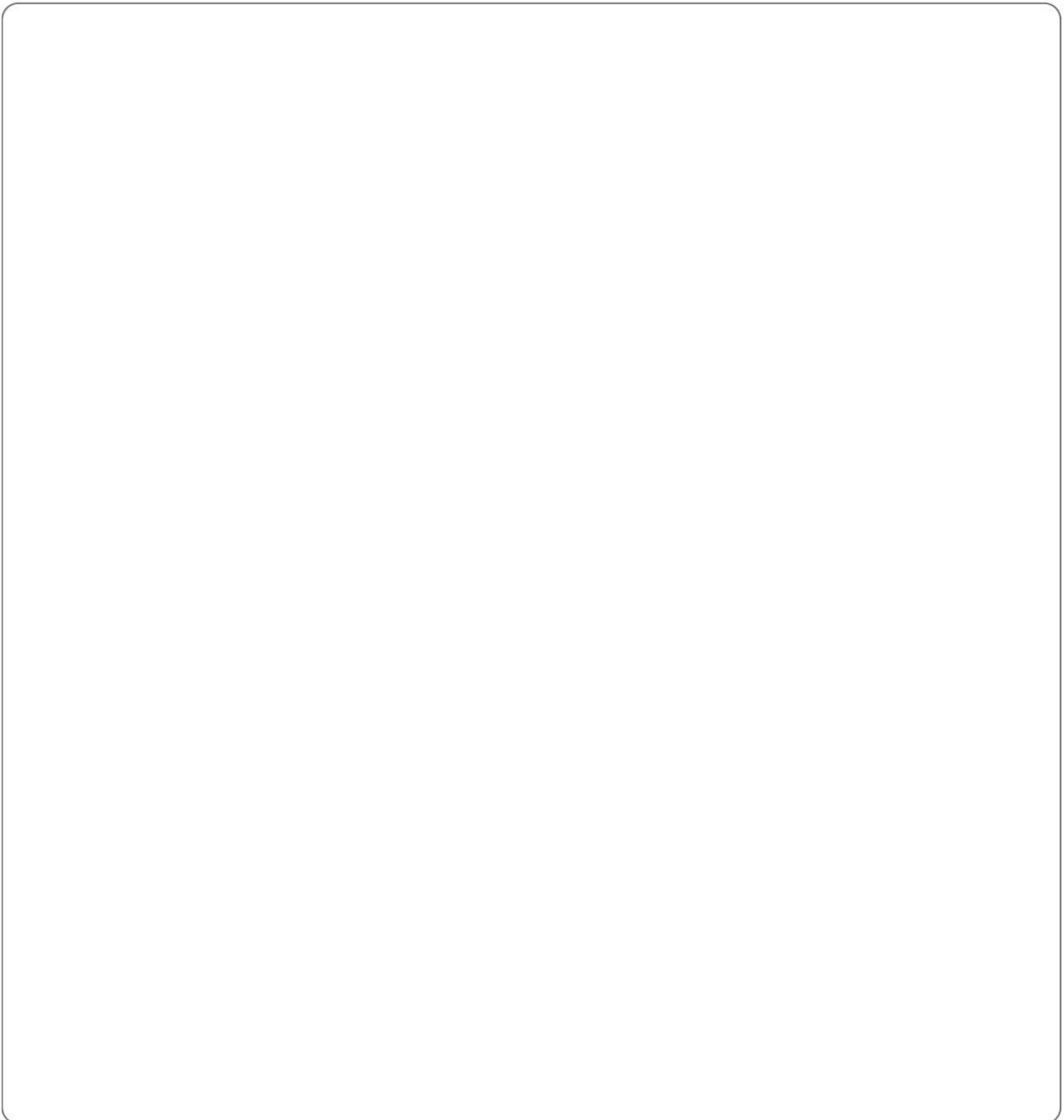
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# The Book of Luke

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Luke wrote his Gospel to provide a well-documented account of the life of Jesus Christ. Luke shows Jesus—fully God and fully man—moving among the people in compassion to free them from the myriad of things oppressing them. The disregarded, the outcast, the forgotten, and the marginalized got to see and experience the love of Christ—even if Jesus had to confront the Jewish leaders to do it. Luke reveals to us that God is no respecter of persons; he opened his heart to the needy through the kingdom ministry of his Son.

The Son of Man who heals the sick, raises the dead, and calls the prodigal back is also the transcendent God who calls all people to himself in salvation. Luke also demonstrates through the genealogy and birth of Jesus that he has the right to claim the title of Son of David, the Messiah and King.

Throughout the book, Jesus used the Word of God to open people's minds and hearts to who he is—just as he did on the road to Emmaus after his resurrection. The God of Luke is touchable and knowable!





# Week 3 (Day 15-21)

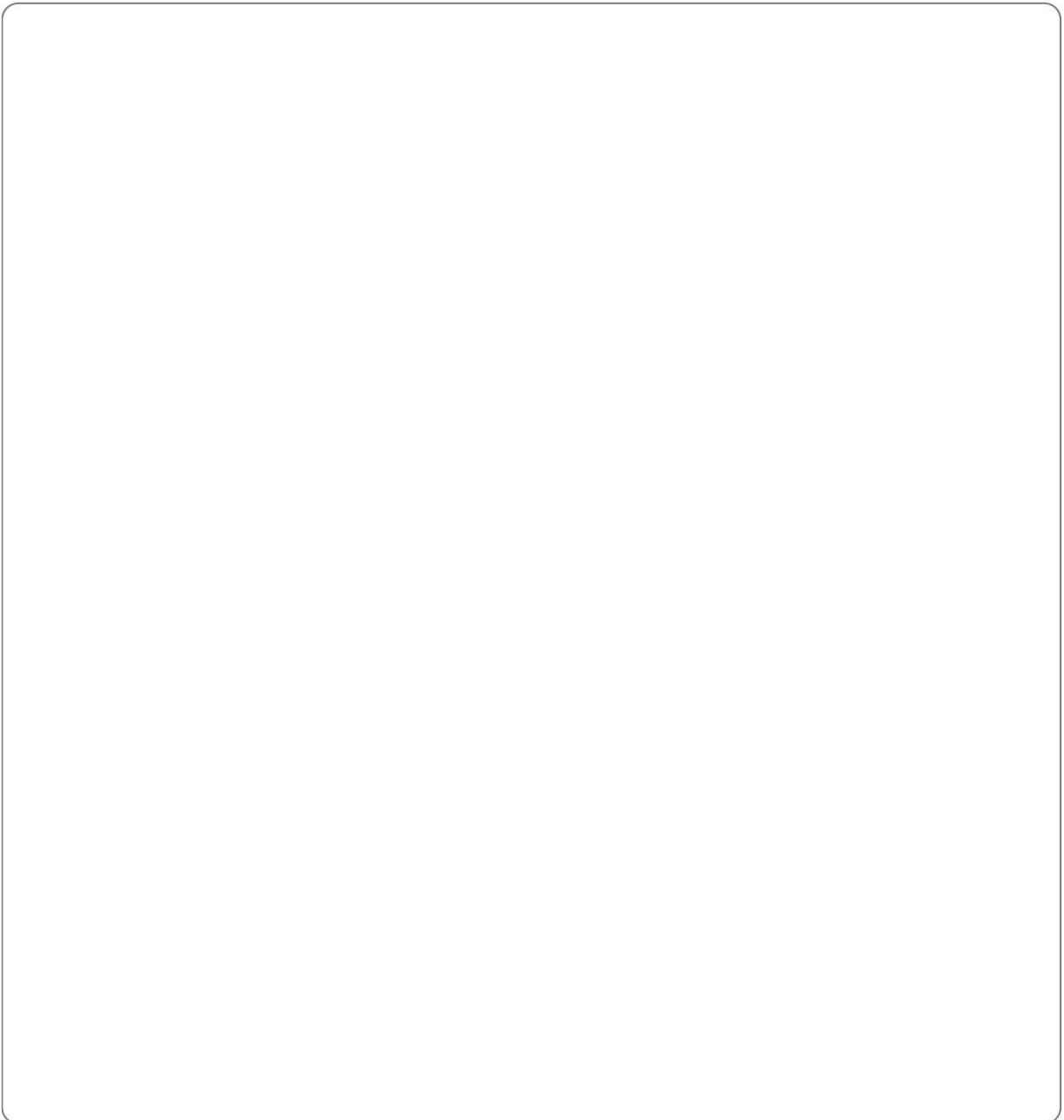
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Luke 14-16

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# The Book of John

## Message and Purpose

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John brings both of these concepts together in his book. He says Jesus is the divine Messiah—God dwelling in our midst—who has a kingdom that is not of this world. John records eight miracles to show that Jesus is no ordinary man. He is a man, to be sure, but he is the God-Man, the Word who became flesh (1:14). He wept at a grave one moment, and raised Lazarus from the dead the next. John also records seven “I am” statements of Jesus, showing him to be the one who revealed himself to Moses at the burning bush.

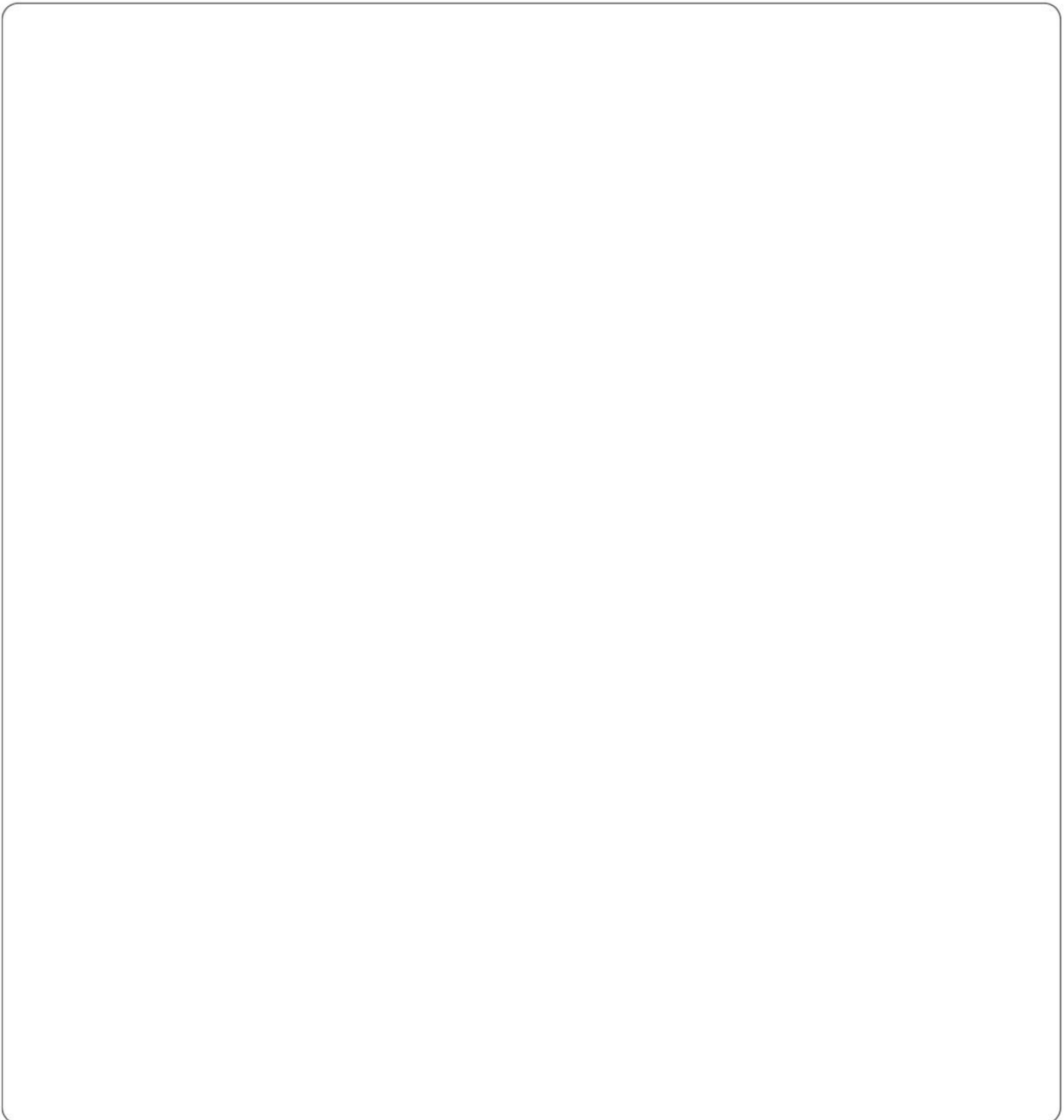
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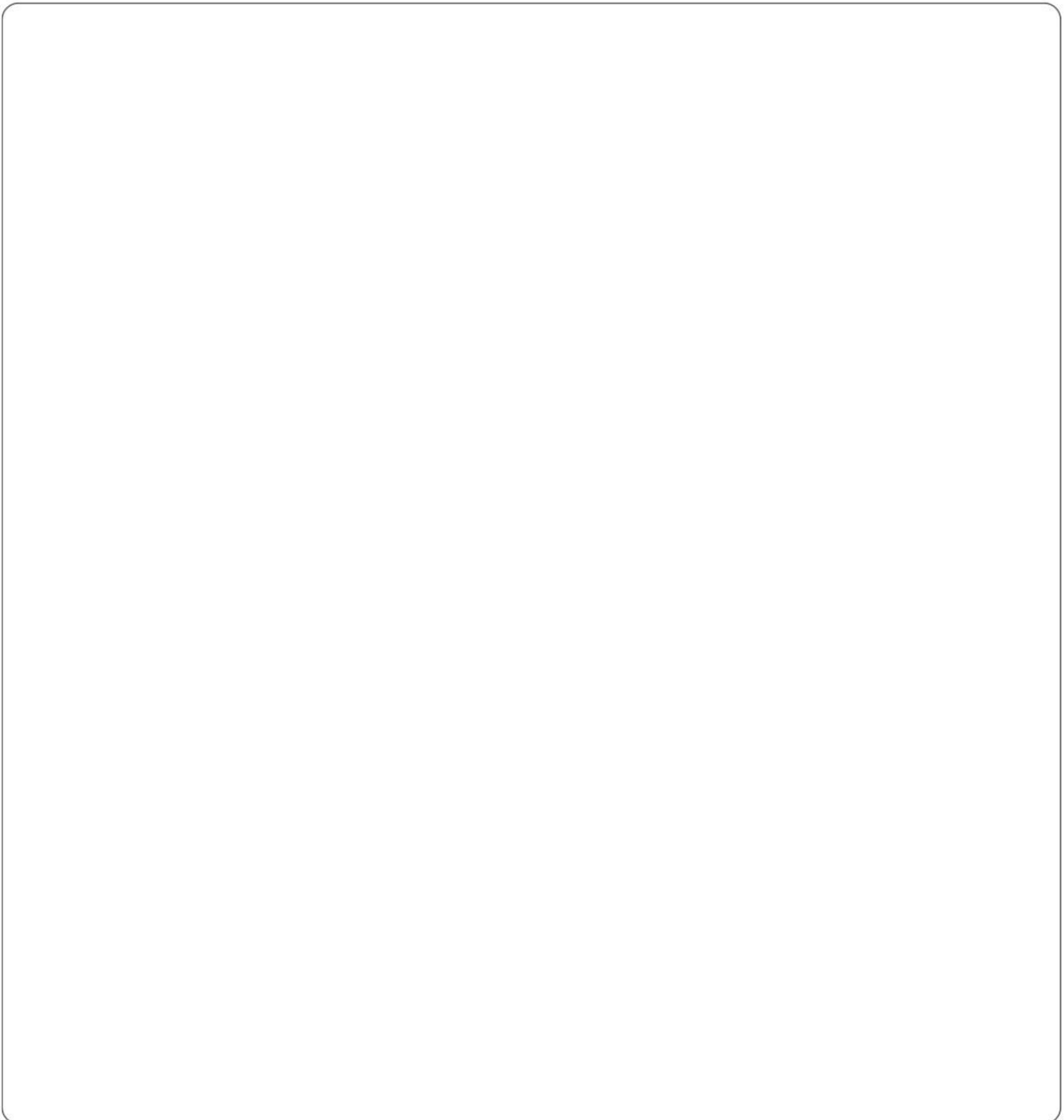
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John 11-13, John 14-16, John 17-19, John 20-21

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## Deep Dive with the Holy Spirit

John 11-13, John 14-16, John 17-19, John 20-21